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In re Application of :
EIDESMO, Terje et al. :
Application No.: 10/549,660 : DECISION ON
PCT No.: PCT/GB04/01144 :
Int. Filing Date: 17 March 2004 : REQUEST
Priority Date: 17 March 2003 :
Attorney's Docket No.: 1101.151US01 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.42
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR :
DETERMINING THE NATURE OF :
SUBMARINE RESERVOIRS :
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This is a decision on applicants' 02 May 2006, submission of a declaration containing an indication that joint inventor Hans Magne Pedersen is deceased. The declaration has been treated as a request for status under 37 CFR 1.42.

BACKGROUND

On 17 March 2004, applicants filed international application PCT/GB04/01144, which claimed a priority date of 17 March 2003. A copy of the international application was transmitted to the Office by the International Bureau on 30 September 2004. The deadline for entry into the national stage in the United States was 17 September 2005.

On 16 September 2005, applicants filed a submission for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the U.S. Basic National Fee.

On 02 May 2006, applicants submitted a declaration of the inventors, with an indication that a joint inventor was deceased and the surcharge for late filing of the search fee, examination fee or the oath or declaration.

DISCUSSION

Under 35 U.S.C. §117, legal representatives of deceased inventors may make application for patent upon compliance with the requirements and on the same terms and conditions applicable to the inventor. The "legal representative (executor, administrator, etc.) of the deceased inventor may make the necessary oath or declaration, and apply for and obtain the patent." 37 CFR 1.42.

The declaration complies with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) and 37 CFR 1.42. The declaration lists the inventors and their citizenships and the legal representatives and the legal representative's citizenship, residence and postal address. See 37 CFR 1.497.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the request for status under 37 CFR 1.42 is **GRANTED**.

The application has a date of 02 May 2006 under 35 U.S.C. §371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4). This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of the PCT Operations for continued processing.

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